

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Central Fire Station-Community Room
Monday, March 24, 2025, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Chair Shrewsbury, Commissioners, McConnell, McCurtis, and Romback.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Snyder, Commissioner Brooks

STAFF: Principal Planner Shorkey, Intern Meera Kenade

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Shrewsbury called the March 10, 2025, regular meeting for the Meridian Township Planning Commission to order at 6:31 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Shrewsbury called the roll of the Board. All Board members except for Vice-chair Snyder and Commissioner Brooks were present.

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Shrewsbury asked for approval of the agenda.

Commissioner McConnell moved to approve the March 24, 2025, Regular Planning Commission meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner McCurtis . Motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Shrewsbury asked for approval of the minutes.

Commissioner McCurtis moved to approve Minutes of the March 10, 2025 meeting with minor amendments. Seconded by Commissioner McConnell. Motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. SUP #25006 – Bruce and Paula Shaffer (Email)
- B. SUP #25006 – Catherine Lein (Email)
- C. SUP #25006 – Richard and Marilyn Hallgren (Email)
- D. SUP #25006 – Logan Castle (Hand Out)

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. SUP #25006 – Precious Sprouts Group Child Care

Principal Planner Shorkey gave an overview of the Special Use Permit process and briefed the Commission on the application.

Chair Shrewsbury opened public hearing at 6:41 pm.

Commissioners asked for clarity regarding State and Township requirements. Principal Planner Shorkey provided clarification.

Chair Shrewsbury closed public hearing at 6:42 pm.

Commissioners indicated via straw poll that they would likely support the permit.

B. ZA #25002 – Sec. 6-755 – Schedule of Requirements for Parking Space

Intern Kanade gave an overview of the reasoning behind the Ordinance updates and noted the changes proposed by staff.

Chair Shrewsbury opened public hearing at 6:49 pm.

Commissioners asked for clarity regarding the current Ordinance and proposed changes. Principal Planner Shorkey provided clarification.

Chair Shrewsbury closed public hearing at 6:55 pm.

Commissioners indicated via straw poll that they would likely support the amendment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SUP #25003 – Okemos Local Investments

Principal Planner Shorkey gave an overview of the process that has occurred to date.

Commissioner McCurtis moved to adopt the resolution to recommend approval of SUP #25003 to construct an adult use marijuana retailer at 4360 South Hagadorn Road, Okemos MI 48864 for the following reasons: the proposed project conforms with the Township Master Plan and the Future Land Use map, the proposed project conforms with the Adult Use Marihuana regulations that have been adopted by the Township, the proposed project that would result fits the character of the area. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Motion passed unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board Update

Principal Planner Shorkey stated that the Board approved REZ #25001 and an SUP will be presented to the Planning Commission in an upcoming meeting.

B. Liaison Reports

None

11. PROJECT UPDATES

Principal Planner Shorkey highlighted the report provided in the packet. Principal Planner Shorkey noted that staff will be proposing language about roosters in an upcoming meeting.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shrewsbury called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm

Commissioner McConnell moved to adjourn the March 24, 2025 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Commissioner McCurtis. Motion passed unanimously.